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SUBJECT: DoD Scientific and Technical Information: Preservation, Dissemination and Reuse

- References: (a) DoD Instruction 3200.12, "DoD Scientific and Technical Information Program (STIP)," August 22, 2013  
(b) DoD Manual 3200.14, "Principles and Operational Parameters of the DoD Scientific and Technical Information Program (STIP): General Processes" March 14, 2014

We need to do a better job sharing the results of our hard work in research and engineering across the Department. The Department invests over \$12B per year in research and engineering activities. Even though that is a large sum, we must invest wisely, and we must squeeze out every drop of value from the activities we pursue. Our research and engineering activities produce valuable scientific and technological information. We cannot allow it to be hidden away.

We maximize our return on investments by sharing results with the whole DoD research and engineering community. Sharing saves time and eliminates unnecessary duplication of effort. This is not a new idea, but it is one that our bureaucracy has not uniformly embraced. Please examine our existing DoD policy documents on this matter (References (a) and (b)). Our existing policy requires scientific and technical information created or acquired in the execution of research and engineering activities to be documented and sent to the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC), including documents such as technical reports and journal articles, created by DoD employees, our contractors or our grantees. DTIC makes this information available online to the Defense community while controlling access according to security classification and distribution limitations. DTIC is our community's means of sharing the results of our work. In other words, DTIC is a key link in making sure that every ounce of investment is used as productively as possible. You and your team form the other key link. You must share your results.

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